Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the experiments undertaken? In the schedule in Appendix I the amount for experiments is given as Rs. 1,264. May I know what are the experiments?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The experiments are bee-keeping, poultry-farming and various cottage industries for which we have been giving bonuses to the villagers for the promotion of these industries.

Average daily attendance in the Hospitals and Dispensaries.

33. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the average daily attendance of

(1) Out-patients, and

(2) In-patients in each of the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State for the year 1104 ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Vide statement appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Supply of timber to the contractors and purchasers.

34. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state for the year 1104:—

(1) the hill depot measurements of the quantity of (a) teak and (b) ebony supplied to each of the contractors or purchasers separately ;

(2) the reduction allowed to each of them and the quantity for which price was realised from each ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) No timber was supplied to any contractor during the year 1104 from the O. W. C. stock but purchasers were supplied with (a) Cds. 910—3—13—3½ of teak and (b) Cds. 51—23—21—0 of ebony during the period.

(2) No reduction was allowed to any one, but price was realised for about candies 1100 in excess of the hill depot measurements from a number of purchasers together.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— May I know how this excess over the measurement was brought about ? Hitherto we were having a reduction. In your time an excess is found. There is some difference between the hill depot measurement and the measurement in the plains. May I know how this excess was brought about?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—When we dispose of timber, we take the actual measurement, but in the hills we allow a certain percentage for defects and all that.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Were no such reductions given in previous years ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—They were given.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then how is this increase?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—But we dispose of now by the actual measurement found.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.--In previous years was not the actual measurement,.....

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—In some cases they were disposed of for the actual measurement but others for the hill depot measurement.

Tenders for works in the P. W. D.

35. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table of the House:—

(a). a list of works above Rs. 1,000 not given to the lowest tenderers, by the P. W. D. in 1104 showing the names of the work, estimate amount, names of the persons who submitted tenders with their rates and the names of those whose tenders were accepted ;

(b) to state the reason for not accepting the lowest tender in each case?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Out of the approximate number of 109 works for which 826 tenders were received and disposed of in 1104, 68 works were not awarded to the lowest tenderers. Government consider that the labour involved in preparing a list of the nature asked for is not commensurate with the benefit to be derived therefrom.

(b) Vide reply above.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.---Is it not a benefit to let the public know that the Government has not favoured particular tenderers?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Government has not favoured particular tenderers.

Mr, C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then, what was the objection to give the particulars?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Not because it is confidential. It is only on account of the labour involved.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—You cannot refuse information on the ground that it requires labour.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You are paid for the labour.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The labour is not commensurate with the benefit to be derived therefrom.

Appointments made by Heads of Departments.

36. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many appointments were made by each of the Heads of the Departments with their names and designations in the year 1104;

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